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## 2020 New York Farms and Land in Farms

*Farm numbers hold steady from last year*

The number of farms in New York for 2020 is estimated at 33,400, unchanged from 2019, according to Donnie Fike, state statistician of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service New York Field Office. Total land in farms, at 6.90 million acres is unchanged from last year. The average farm size for 2020 is 207 acres, which is also unchanged from the previous year. 24.6% of NY farmland is on farms producing more than \$1 million or more in sales.

Farm numbers and land in farms are differentiated by six economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these six sales classes by summing the sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000, \$500,000, and \$1,000,000. In 2020, the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) implemented a statistical modeling approach to generate survey indications. This approach was in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on data collection processes and the suspension of in-person data collection.

### New York Highlights

Number of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 15,500 farms.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 11,500 farms.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 2,850 farms.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 1,700 farms.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 930 farms.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 920 farms.

Farmland by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999 at 1.10 million acres.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999 at 1.80 million acres.
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999 at 880 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999 at 780 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999 at 640 thousand acres.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more at 1.70 million acres.

Average sizes of farms by sales class are:

- Sales Class \$1,000 - \$9,999: 71 acres.
- Sales Class \$10,000 - \$99,999: 157 acres
- Sales Class \$100,000 - \$249,999: 309 acres.
- Sales Class \$250,000 - \$499,999: 459 acres.
- Sales Class \$500,000 - \$999,999: 688 acres.
- Sales Class \$1,000,000 or more: 1,848 acres.

For the complete "Farms and Land in Farms" report, go to: <https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/5712m6524>

The "Farms and Land in Farms" report and all other NASS reports are available online at [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).

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